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#### A NATION-WIDE PROBLEM.

A very important conference was held this week in Halifax, with delegates present from most of the municipalities of the province. Hon. E. H. Armstrong, president, and three other members of the government were present. The conference had before it the report of the survey of the province made by the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene, and recommendations made by the experts. This report condemned the county system of asylums. The questions to be considered, Hon. Mr. Armstrong pointed out, were the care of the poor, which would be almost minimized when the feeble-minded were segregated from the county homes; the proper care of the feeble-minded, a large percentage of them amenable to proper medical mental treatment; and the care of the criminals, specially those sentenced for the short terms. The experts recommended two centres, one near Halifax and one in Cape Breton, for the care of the feeble-minded, and a centralized institution for the criminals. The delegates from Cape Breton strongly advocated a home in that island for the feeble-minded, and also an establishment to care for criminals. With regard to the rest of the province, one suggestion was that the fine modern plant accommodating two hundred patients, erected by the municipalities of Pictou county, might be used as a home for the feeble-minded. The chief problem was that of finance, and a member of the government declared that the provincial government could not be expected to carry the burden of the newly established institutions. The great bulk of taxation powers, he said, had been handed over to the municipalities, and they must expect to shoulder the burden. All the delegates agreed that something must be done, and the cost should not stand in the way. As a preliminary, of educational value, it was decided to print and distribute to every municipal council the report and recommendations of the National Committee, after which further steps will be taken.

The same reasons that exist in Nova Scotia for definite and constructive effort to care for both the feeble-minded and short-term criminals exist in New Brunswick. A mental survey of this province has been made and we are now ready for the next step.

**THE FAITH OF THE HUN**  
Germany has asked the United States to mediate between her and the Allies, and fix the sum to be paid for reparations. The note from the German government says:—  
"They (the chancellor and foreign minister) solemnly declare that the German government is ready and willing to agree, without reservations or qualifications, to pay to the Allied powers as reparations such sums as the president, after examination and investigation, may find just and right."  
The Germans are still very clumsy in diplomacy. This attempt to set the United States against the other Allied nations, while there is still a technical state of war between Germany and the United States, is too transparent. Moreover, President Harding knows what solemn pledges by Germany are worth. She gave one to Belgium, and it became a "scrap of paper." The American government has already approved of the reparations demanded by the Allies, and it is fair to assume that the reply to Germany will be prompt and decisive. France has already told the Americans, through M. Viviani, that in this matter of reparations she will stand firm, even if she were compelled to stand alone. The Hun is seeking to gain time, in the hope of a disagreement among the European Allies or between them and the United States. To accomplish an end he will promise anything, but the world does not forget that Belgium and northern France, or the wretched destruction wrought even after Germany knew she was beaten. We shall be greatly disappointed if President Harding does not send a prompt and unequivocal answer to this latest German move.

**THE SHAWBRIDGE FARM.**  
The Boys' Farm and Training School at Shawbridge, Quebec, which not only cares for young delinquents committed by the juvenile court in Montreal but also for voluntary cases, has just closed a very successful year. In his report the superintendent, Mr. J. N. Burns, said that the year opened with 120 committed cases and closed with 124 in the same category, the average attendance of committed cases being 125. The average attendance of voluntary cases was twenty-two, there being ten in attendance at the opening of the year and forty-two at the close. The work at this fine industrial farm is done by the boys, not only on the farm but in building construction. They are given a very practical training, and when a boy's term has expired an effort is made to place him under the sympathetic supervision of some good man who in an unobtrusive but very real way takes a personal interest in his welfare. Among the most gratifying things in relation to the work are the letters received by the superintendent from young men who went out and made good in life. To the physical is added mental and moral training, and the

morale of the farm is described as excellent. Dull and backward boys receive special training adapted to their capacity. At the present time there are at the farm 125 committed cases and fifty-four voluntary cases, of whom 165 are attending school. It is not easy to overestimate the value of such an institution. It gives back to society as producing factors many young fellows who otherwise would become a menace or a burden. It is interesting to note that the work of the boys on the farm last year produced crops of various kinds to the value of \$14,625.56. The Shawbridge farm long ago passed the experimental stage as a reformatory institution, and today stands as a striking example of the right method of dealing with boys who have gone wrong or are in danger from their environment of falling into evil ways.

#### GETTING FOREIGN TRADE

A remark made by Sir James Loughheed in the senate yesterday is worthy of more than passing consideration. The question of Canadian commercial agents in the United States was under discussion, and the press report quotes Sir James as follows:—  
"It was unfortunate that in Canada powerful concerns were relying on the government to extend their trade instead of doing the work for themselves. Great commercial houses were doing little toward making Canada felt as a trade entity. Canada was buying a million dollars a day more goods from the United States than she was selling to the United States and Canadian trade interests were doing little to overcome the handicap."

To put the case in another way, shall we say that these powerful concerns in Canada want the government to put up the tariff and make them sure of the home market, at the expense of the consumer, and save them the trouble of having to hustle for business in other markets? If Canada is to get the export trade she needs, her industrial and commercial houses must get into foreign markets in a systematic business way. Sir James Loughheed says they are not doing it as they should. The government may fairly assist, but only to a limited extent.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Telegram appears to intimate that our national legislators are not averse to A. Wee Deoch an' Doris. Of the state of parliament the night the news of the referendum came in from Ontario he writes: "But there were few Ontario members in their seats while Joseph Orsted. They were up in the telegraph offices drinking in the returns from the Ontario referendum. As it dawned on them that this was the only kind of drinking Ontario would indulge in in the near future, more than one of them lifted up his eyes, gazed northward over the Ottawa river, and muttered, 'Thank heaven for Hull!'"

#### "THERE WERE FOUR."

(Montreal Herald.)  
An incident particularly interesting to the Canadian people was related at the Canadian club luncheon yesterday by Sir Martin Harvey. He said that just before he left England for his Canadian tour, Lloyd George sent for him in order to talk with him about Canada. In this question to Lloyd George: "What do you consider is Canada's greatest achievement in assisting the empire in the war?"  
Lloyd George replied that there were four great achievements of this kind, not one. They were: First, the second battle of Ypres, where the Canadians, fighting against the first gas attack, kept the Germans from breaking through to Calais. Secondly, the taking of Vimy Ridge. Thirdly, the breaking of the Hindenburg line. Fourthly, the holding up of the Germans at Amiens until August and then the delivering of a terrific blow on the right that Ludendorff himself admitted shattered all hopes that the Germans may have entertained of escaping defeat.

This expression of opinion by the British premier given without a moment's hesitation, indicates with what interest he followed the work of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and how greatly he appreciated the part it played. Lloyd George, according to Sir Martin Harvey, is immensely interested in Canada. It need hardly be said that Canada is also immensely interested in Lloyd George. The British premier has his hands too full at the present time to pay a visit to this country, but it would be a great thing if he could be persuaded to pay a visit to the dominion for his next vacation. It is one of the anomalies of the British Empire that while Canada is only a few days' sail from England, it is hardly ever visited by any of the great British statesmen.

#### SECOND BATTLE OF YPRES.

Six years ago today there was fought on the muddy fields of Flanders the Second Battle of Ypres, the first major engagement of the Canadian troops, during the course of which the First Canadian Division demonstrated the prowess of the dominion's civilian soldiers and, according to General French's despatch, saved the day for the British army. It was the first time that the Germans used lethal gas, for which the Allies were totally unprepared, and many casualties resulted. The tenacity of the Dominion troops that day effectively blocked the road to Calais and the English channel. It was one of the most crucial and decisive engagements of the whole war, for a break in the line at that period would have spelled disaster for the Allies. Local members of the first division will hold a reunion banquet this evening in the armories.

#### WAITING IN THE FOREST FOR LION: EAST AFRICA

The night is very still; the husky bark of a baboon echoes from far away. My eyes go straining out into the dark; The moon is hidden, and the drinking-pool  
Below my sheltering tree is dimly gray. A little wind blows, quietly and cool. Gently I move my rifle; still and numb I scramble to a more inviting bough. Holding my breath—oh, it's amazing how Tremendous the most trivial sounds become  
In the night's silence. . . . Now the moon, pale and dim, comes out. Has touched the topmost branches of my tree. Making each leaf a cold aquamarine Against the purple sky. Gradually The light creeps on, and—as its radiance grows—  
An odd-shaped arabesque of whiteness throws On tree trunks velvet-black, and—  
That rends and shakes the forest! . . . In trembling exultation. . . Hunger and hate Are in that mighty challenge—just and fear  
As the great beast draws near and yet more near. . . .  
—Country Life, London.

#### THE ETERNAL RIGHT

"O sometimes gleams upon our sight Through present wrong the eternal right. And step by step since time began We see the steady gale of man— That all of good the past hath had Remains to face our own time glad, Our common daily life divine. And every land a Palestine. Through the harsh noises of our day  
A low sweet prelude finds its way; Through clouds of doubt and creeds of fear  
A light is breaking calm and clear. No more  
For older time and holier shore: God's love and blessing then and there, Are now and here and everywhere."  
J. G. Whittier.

#### LIGHTER VEIN.

Paternal Admiration  
"Most wonderful baby I ever saw!" exclaimed Mr. Meekton.  
"Wonderful for what?"  
"Courage. Doesn't hesitate to interrupt Henrietta when she's talking."—Washington Star.

#### Scented Onions

Young Husband—Isn't there something peculiar about the taste of these onions, my dear?  
Very Young Wife (anxiously)—Oh, I hope not, dear, I took such pains with them. I even sprinkled them with lavender water before I put them to boil, to take away that unpleasant odour.

#### Megaphones in Oil

We recently read of one of our newly rich paying \$250,000 for an oil derrick and were reminded of a remark made by Robert Henri when he said, on a similar case, "To a millionaire of that type, you know," says Henri, "an old master is merely a megaphone for his money to talk through."—Boston Transcript.

### RESULTS OF THE SESSION OF N. B. LEGISLATURE

Ninety-Eight Acts Were Passed During Sittings of House Ended on Last Saturday.

Following is the list of Acts passed by the N. B. Legislature during the session which closed on Saturday morning:

1. An Act to authorize a Transfer of its assets from the Soldiers' Comforts Association to the Mayor of St. John.
2. An Act to provide for the payment of an Annuity to William McLean.
3. An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903, respecting the Education of the Blind.
4. An Act to amend Chapter 20 of the Acts of Assent, 10 George V., 1920, intituled "An Act to provide for the construction and improvement of Highways under Federal Aid."
5. An Act to authorize the Town of Saint Stephen to issue debentures to retire other debentures that will mature on the First day of May, A. D. 1922.
6. An Act to amend "The Provincial Loan Act," and the Act 10 George V., 1920, Chapter 7, in amendment thereof.
7. An Act respecting Harbor Commission and for taking a Plebiscite thereon in the City of Saint John.
8. An Act to amend "The Town of Saint Stephen to issue further Street Debentures."
9. An Act to provide for the prevention and suppression of Fires.
10. An Act to amend "The Jurors' Act, 1919."
11. An Act to amend the "Jurors' Act, 1919."
12. An Act to amend the Act intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend Chapter 170 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903, 'Respecting Rates and Taxes.'"
13. An Act to amend the Act 9 George V., Chapter 19, intituled "An Act to provide for the sale of various Short Lines of Railway in the Province of New Brunswick to the Dominion of Canada, represented May."
14. An Act to amend the Act 5 George V., 1915, Chapter 43, "An Act respecting Motor Vehicles" and Acts in amendment thereof.
15. An Act to further amend 48 Victoria, Chapter 47, being an Act to amend and consolidate 24 Victoria, Chapter 20, incorporating the Town of Saint Stephen.
16. An Act to authorize the Town of Bathurst to issue debentures.
17. An Act relating to the Town of Sackville and to exempt the land, building and plant of Harry C. Cogell from taxation.
18. An Act to amend the Act 62 Victoria, Chapter 72, relating to the Town of Milville.
19. An Act to enable the City of Fredericton to issue debentures.
20. An Act to incorporate the Saint John Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses.
21. An Act to amend "The Schools Act."
22. An Act to amend an Act respecting Victoria Public Hospital.
23. An Act relating to the Town of Marysville.
24. An Act to make further provision for Permanent Bridges and works of a permanent character.
25. An Act further relating to the settlement of the New Brunswick Railway Company's lands.
26. An Act respecting the paving and opening up of the public streets in the city of Saint John.
27. An Act to confirm a conveyance from Charles W. Young and Addie T. Young, his wife, to the Town of Saint John, relating to the said property.
28. An Act to amend the Theatres and Cinematographs Act, being 2 George V., (1912) Chapter 18, and the Act 6 George V., (1916) Chapter 38, in amendment thereof.
29. An Act to amend the "Forest Fires Act" being Chapter 13 of 5 George V., (1918).
30. An Act to incorporate the Sussex Amateur Athletic Club.
31. An Act to amend the Act 9 George V., Chapter 97, amending the Church of England Act, 1912.
32. An Act to amend the Probate Courts Act, 1915.
33. An Act to amend Chapter 55 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1903, respecting Land Surveyors and the Survey of Land.
34. An Act to amend the Highways Act, 1918.
35. An Act to provide for the winding up of the association of the United Baptist Churches of New Brunswick.
36. An Act to amend the Act 12 Saint John & Quebec Railway.
37. An Act to amend the South West Boom Company Act, 1917.
38. An Act to amend the tolls payable to the South West River Driving Company.
39. An Act enabling the city and county of St. John to borrow money.
40. An Act to authorize the municipality of Albert to make temporary loan.
41. An Act relating to the storing of waters in rivers, streams and lakes.
42. An Act to amend the Act 9 George V., 1915, intituled "An Act to authorize the municipality of Kent to effect temporary loans."
43. An Act relating to the General Public Hospital in St. John.
44. An Act relating to Fire Protection in the parish of Lancaster.
45. An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Port Canada Dock Railway.
46. An Act to amend an act to regulate the issue of shares and securities by public utilities.
47. An Act to amend Chapter 10 of the Acts 10 George V., 1920, "An Act to further provide for funding motor vehicle fees."
48. An Act to incorporate the Queens-town Public Hall Company.
49. An Act relating to an act to provide for better housing.
50. An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws respecting the levy, assessment and collecting of Rates and Taxes in the city of Moncton.
51. The Game Act, 1921.
52. An Act to amend the Act of George V., 1915, Chapter 17, intituled "An Act relating to the Provincial Hospital."
53. An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903, respecting the Division of the Province into Counties, Towns and Parishes.
54. An Act relating to The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Bridge across the St. John River at St. John.
55. An Act to amend an Act intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend Chapter 170 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903, respecting Rates and Taxes."
56. An Act to cancel a certain Grant of Crown Land.
57. An Act in addition to an amendment of "An Act respecting Protection of sheep from dogs," being Chapter 97 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903.
58. An Act to exempt debentures of Agricultural Society No. 41 from taxation.
59. An Act to authorize the Town of Woodstock to issue debentures for the purpose of constructing semi-permanent streets.
60. An Act relating to the Town of Edmundston.
61. An Act to amend Chapter 159 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903.
62. An Act to enable the Trustees of the Wesley Memorial church Methodist church at Moncton to issue debentures.
63. An Act respecting the Grand Ferry Company, Limited.
64. An Act to amend the Act, 58 Victoria, Chapter 60, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the several Acts of the Assembly incorporating or relating to the Town of Moncton."
65. An Act to authorize the City of Moncton to issue debentures.
66. An Act to amend an Act intituled "An Act to establish a Board of Public Commissioners."
67. An Act to amend the Schools Act.
68. An Act to authorize the Town of St. Andrews to sell the Alms House Farm, and to aid in the construction of a Water Works system in the city of St. John.
69. An Act to authorize and empower the Municipality of Carleton to assist Agricultural Society No. 41 with an annual grant.
70. An Act to authorize and empower the Town of Woodstock to assist Agriculture Society No. 41 with an annual grant.
71. An Act to authorize and empower the Town of Woodstock to assist Agriculture Society No. 41 with an annual grant.
72. An Act to regulate restaurants in the city of St. John.
73. An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to County Courts.
74. An Act to amend the Act 69 Victoria, Chapter 80, intituled "An Act to authorize the Municipality of Westmorland to effect temporary loans."
75. An Act to amend Chapter 71 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903, "Respecting the Law Library."
76. An Act to authorize the Roman Catholic Bishop of Chatham to sell and convey certain lands in the County of Gloucester.
77. An Act to authorize the Municipality of Westmorland to make loan to the Municipal Home Commissioners of District No. 1 in the County of Westmorland.
78. An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1903, respecting Bastardy.
79. An Act to regulate the practice of Osteopathy.
80. An Act to authorize and make legal the adoption of Sybil Ann McAnn.
81. An Act to incorporate "The St. Martins Marsh Company."
82. An Act to incorporate "The Albert Mines Development Company Limited."
83. An Act to amend the Schools Act, Chapter 80, in relation to the City of Fredericton.
84. An Act to provide for certain expenses the Civil Government of the Province.
85. An Act to provide for the repair and improvement of roads and bridges, and other public works and services.
86. An Act respecting partnerships.
87. An Act to amend the Corporations Act, 1920.
88. An Act to authorize the sale of a portion of the property known as Government House Property to His Majesty the King in right of the government of Canada.
89. An Act to amend the Municipalities' Act.
90. An Act to amend the "Judicature Act, 1909."
91. An Act to amend "The Public Health Act."
92. An Act to provide for funding of certain expenditures for Public Buildings.
93. An Act to amend Chapter 16 of 6 George V., (1916) intituled "An Act to establish Electoral Districts and Sub-Districts in the province."
94. An Act to amend an Act respecting Executive Council, being Chapter 4, 8 George V., 1914, as amended by Chapter 10 George V., 1920.
95. An Act relating to the Town of Campbellton.
96. An Act to provide for Municipal Buildings in the City and County of Saint John.
97. An Act to provide for Municipal Buildings in the City and County of Saint John.
98. An Act to amend "An Act to authorize the Board of School Trustees of the City of St. John to issue debentures for the payment and redemption of their debentures as they fall due and to amend Chapter 68 of the Consolidated Statutes relating to authorize the Board of School Trustees."

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